

Honors English Twelve
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Dear Honors Student:

Your summer reading assignment is *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis de Bernieres. The story is set on the Greek island of Cephallonia during World War II. Hopefully, you will enjoy reading this novel. It will serve as our introduction to world literature in Honors English Twelve.

In addition to reading the novel, complete the following assignments due the first day of class. Your written work must be word-processed (one-inch margins, size twelve font, double line spacing). Meaningful error-free writing of six paragraphs (one for each quote) is expected.

1. Identify a quote from the book for each of the following elements of fiction and write a paragraph explaining the quote's connection to the particular element: conflict, setting, symbol theme, and two characters (two quotes for two different characters).
2. Create a visual representation for one of the six quotes from part one. Include the quote as part of your visual.

Your grade on this assignment will be based on identification of appropriate quotes, and thoughtful, reflective discussion of each as well as the visual representation of one quote.

Although I have not assigned a specific type of reading log or notetaking, I would recommend underlining interesting passages if you own the book, taking lots of notes, and keeping a character list to assist you with our class discussion. You will need to be prepared to take a quiz over the book during the first class.

I believe that you will find this book to be challenging, fun, mature, and insightful. Any notes you take in the book or in your own handwriting may be used for the first quiz. If you have any problems or questions, you may leave a message at school or email me directly, and I will contact you.

Enjoy your summer.